

A QUIET LYNCHING

Business Men Hang Criminals to Prevent Rioting

NOT A SINGLE SHOT WAS FIRED

A CONTRACTOR MURDERED

Supt. R. H. Eubanks, of Contracting Firm, Engaged in Construction Work on Southern Railway, Shot and Instantly Killed Near Lexington by Oscar Gaddy, a Negro, Who Escapes—The Deed Without Provocation.

CRUISER LAUNCHED

Great Vessel North Carolina is Christened By Miss Glenn

DEATH LIST HEAVY

Many Fatalities From Explosion in West Virginia

NEW ORLEANS HARD HIT

Cyclonic Disturbances at Least Three of Them Tornadoes, Rage Around Crescent City, the Third Striking the City Square, Damaging 800 Buildings and Injuring About 50 Persons—Six Killed and Nine Fatally Injured in Neighboring Parishes—City of Baton Rouge Slightly Damaged—List of the Victims.

HUGHES' PLATFORM

Says State Issues Will Dominate New York Campaign

DEMANDS DECENT GOVERNMENT

At Ceremonies in Rooms of New York City Republican Club, He Formally Accepts Nomination for Governor, Declaring Supreme Issue to be Simply Decent Government.

Quiet Suburban Lynching is Put Through by Parties of Men Who Boarded Train Bearing Negro Rapists Back for Trial and Gave as Their Reason That They Wanted to Avoid Bloody Riots Inevitable if the Mob Reached the City Alive—Mob Composed of 15 Business Men, Said One of its Members—Mordid Crowds to Scene.

Mobile, Ala., Special.—The crimes committed upon Ena May Fowler, Lillian May Sevell, Ruth Sossaman, and attempts on others whose names are not given, were revenged by a party of 45 men Saturday afternoon at 12:35 o'clock in a lonely place just off the Holt road, in the neighborhood of Priehard's Station. The leaders ordered the men, who were armed with revolvers, shotguns and rifles, not to fire a shot and the orders were carried out. Thompson, the negro youth who committed the first crimes that startled the people of Mobile and worked them up into a fury, was hanged first. Robinson, the other negro, was executed immediately afterwards. A long half-inch rope was thrown over the limb of a live-oak tree and Robinson was drawn up about 15 feet and the rope was fastened. He slowly strangled to death. According to one of the leaders of the mob, Robinson confessed. The Associated Press representative was called over to hear the confession, but Robinson looked frightened and said that he was not the man. Robinson was hanged at 12:38 P. M. Thompson was hanged before the body of Robinson was cut down.

The hanging of the negroes was conducted in a very quiet manner and during the time that the work was going on hardly a word was spoken. The negro Thompson was very sullen from the time he was taken off the train until the rope was placed around his neck. Robinson maintained that he was going to heaven.

When Mount Vernon was reached on the trip from Birmingham, eight men wearing white masks boarded the train. Five of them leveling pistols at Sheriff Powers and his deputy and said the men had come for the prisoners. The revolvers of the sheriff and deputy were taken from them. The conductor of the train was asked to move all the people in the first-class coach to the rear seats, as others of the crowd were going to get on the train at Plateau. The conductor complied with the request and some of the passengers were also placed in the sleeper.

One of the mob leaders who stood on the platform of the train, heavily masked, said that the crowd which had just boarded the train were all business men of Mobile and that their action had been decided upon only after careful consideration. He said that if the negroes were taken into Mobile by the sheriff and tried under military protection there would certainly be bloodshed and their method was the best.

When the train reached Creole, 15 miles from Mobile, a large number of men wearing masks and one of them carrying a bag which contained straps and ropes, came on board and were given their orders. At Priehard's Station the masked mob, with the prisoners closely guarded, got off the train and started down the road. About 100 yards from the tree on which the hanging took place the cry was given to "hurry," and the mob and prisoners broke into a run. After running 25 yards a big oak tree was reached, and the mob stopped and ropes were produced. Fearing trouble with the neighborhood negroes, scouts armed with rifles, guarded the main road. The negroes were then strung up. Nearly everybody in the crowd took part of the rope. While the negroes were being hanged strict orders from the leader rang out: "Boys, do not fire a shot; we are carrying out the will of the people."

NOTHING BUT BOLLS.

Tommy-Paw, did Job have stone bruises on his heels?

Mr. Tucker—Probably not.

Tommy-Geef! What did he know about sufferin'?—Chicago Tribune.

Lexington, N. C., Special.—Superintendent R. H. Eubanks of Lane Brothers' Company & Jones, contractors, was shot and killed instantly Sunday morning at the railway camp about two miles north of Lexington by a negro employee named Oscar Gaddy. From all accounts the killing was totally without provocation, and all Lexington and surrounding country is in great excitement. A posse of two hundred or more men with guns are in pursuit of Gaddy, who made his escape immediately after the killing.

The circumstances of the killing appear to be as follows: Supt. Eubanks heard some shooting going on in one of the negro huts Sunday morning and went to see what was the matter. Upon arriving at the door of the hut, which was filled with negroes, he said: "Who is that doing that shooting down here?" Gaddy was lying on a bed with the pistol in his hands and replied: "It's me and I will shoot you G—d—d—d!" Then Supt. Eubanks advanced into the hut having in his hand a small cane.

Without saying anything further, Gaddy fired into Mr. Eubanks' face, the ball taking effect just above the mouth, coming upward through the brain, and killing Mr. Eubanks instantly. After firing the fatal shot Gaddy jumped out at the door, dropped his pistol and fled as fast as he could. He was seen in shirt and trousers, having on neither coat, shoes nor hat. He was seen later running in a northerly direction along the public road.

As word as word of the tragedy came to Lexington Sheriff Dorsett, chief of Police Helper, the other police, and about 150 hundred men set out for the camp.

Bloodhounds were sent from Greensboro and High Point.

There is strong talk of lynching, and it is hard to say what will take place if the negro is caught. Most people think if the murdered is once landed in jail, he will be safe, but he may be killed in the arrest.

Supt. Eubanks was held in high esteem by everybody, having many friends during the few months he has been located here. He was 38 years of age, a native of Amherst county, Va., and leaves a wife and three children, who now reside at Cedar Mills, Va.

Field Artillery at Camp Tampa.

Tampa, Fla., Special.—The fourteenth battery, field artillery, Captain Gately, arrived at Port Tampa at 5:55 Saturday evening and went into camp on Picnic Island for the night. They will embark on the transport Andes Sunday. At 6:25 Saturday evening a pack train of 60 mules and 14 men arrived from Chattanooga to join the present expedition in charge of Major David J. Rumbrough, from Fort Myer, Va. Construction of necessary stalls for animals on the Andes may delay the troops here several days.

Aid of Red Cross Not Needed at Pensacola.

Pensacola, Fla., Special.—The Red Cross Society through Secretary Charles L. Magee, at Washington, has wired offers of assistance in the way of supplies or money for the sufferers from the tornado in and about Pensacola. The general relief committee replied thanking Secretary Magee for the offer, but declining, as the citizens are meeting the situation and caring for all destitute.

Tragedy in Boston Hotel.

Boston, Mass., Special.—At the Castle Square Hotel Sunday afternoon, Mrs. Deborah Hill, a widow of Malden, Mass., was found with blood pouring from a wound in her throat, while upon the floor a short distance away lay the body of Harry J. Slocomb, of West Everett, Mass., with a bullet through his brain. The woman was taken to the city hospital, where she was reported to be in a critical condition. The couple came to the hotel Saturday night and registered as Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Slover, of Portland, Me.

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